

## **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

## FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

June 18, 2020

Good evening. This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all town residents. A copy of this message can be found on the Town's website.

East Windsor's good news streak continues, as we continue to have no additional cases of COVID-19 in town. The Connecticut Department of Public Health is still reporting a total of 143 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor, and an additional 14 probable cases. In Connecticut, there are now 45,429 confirmed cases.

Today marks the end of East Windsor's academic school year, and today our high school seniors will graduate, although not in the traditional fashion. Thanks to the creativity of East Windsor Public Schools leadership, with feedback from parents, tonight they will celebrate in a different way. This year, students were allowed to walk individually across the stage and receive their diplomas with their parents as the audience, on video for broadcast tonight, they were able to take commemorative photographs at the school with their families, and tonight we will celebrate them as a community as they participate in a parade from the East Windsor Middle School to East Windsor High School. The route will be down Main Street in Broad Brook, down Old Ellington Road, down Scantic Road, and turning onto Tromley Road. The parade will begin at 6pm.

Tonight's graduates were born in the wake of 9/11, grew up during the worst economic downturn at that time since the Great Depression, and are completing their high school experience amidst a global pandemic – the third once-in-a-lifetime event of their young lives. It's clear to me that this graduating class of students is more than capable of facing the challenges of life in their own way, and we are proud of each of them. Please show your support and share your congratulations for our remarkable young students.

To this year's graduates: the next step on your journey is yours to decide. To quote Thomas Jefferson, "If you want something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you've never done." On behalf of the Town of East Windsor, we wish you all much happiness and success.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Jason E. Bowsza First Selectman

